



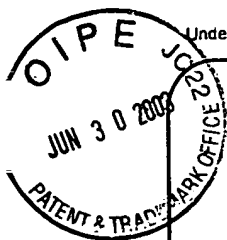
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Notice Under 37 CFR 1.251 mailed on June 17, 2003.

Applicants enclose copies of the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05)
2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
3. 26 sheets of Formal Drawings
4. Check No. 269944
5. Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet
7. U.S. Patent Application Assignment
8. Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.10
9. Postcard
10. Filing Receipt
11. Certified copy of NL 1011044
12. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)

13. Information Disclosure Statement
14. Material Information Statement (Form PTO-1449)
15. 4 non-U.S. patent publications
16. Acknowledgement postcard
17. Notice of Publication of Application
18. Office Action mailed 12/18/2001 (4 pages)
19. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)
20. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
21. Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time
22. Check No. 290366
23. Acknowledgement postcard
24. Office Action mailed 06/05/02 (8 pages)
25. Initialed Form PTO-1449
26. PTO-892 (one non-U.S. patent document)
27. Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21)
28. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17)
29. Amendment and Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of  
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30. Check No. 315076
31. Acknowledgment postcard

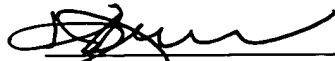
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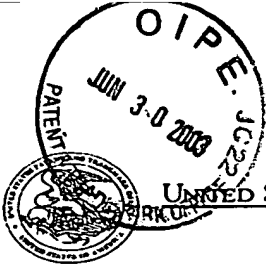
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Respectfully submitted,



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